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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The filter pit of claim + 12 wherein the primary filter consists of a screen.

Claim 3 (Original) The filter pit of claim 2 wherein the screen has apertures of approximately 5.5mm in size.

Claim 4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) The filter pit of claim + 12 wherein the secondary filter has a screen with apertures of approximately 955 microns in size.

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The filter pit of claim 7 wherein the tertiary filter has apertures of approximately 5 micron in size.

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Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The filter pit of claim + 12 having a tapered peripheral wall.

Claim 10 (Original) The filter pit of claim 9 wherein the peripheral wall is stepped.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The filter pit of claim 9 wherein the peripheral wall has a lip at an upper end and a lid is received over by the lip.

Claim 12 (New) A filter pit for receiving water from a catchment area and for directing the water to a storage tank, the pit having a peripheral wall, at least one inlet adjacent an upper portion of the pit, at least one outlet for water adjacent a floor of the pit, a baffle inside the pit extending inwardly from the peripheral wall separating the pit into upper and lower chambers, a primary filter within the pit and removably located above the baffle, a carrier removably received on the baffle and having a lower portion and an upper portion, a secondary filter within the pit received by the carrier and held above the lower portion of the carrier, the secondary filter receiving water which passes through the primary filter, a tertiary filter within the pit and secured to the lower portion of the carrier to hold the tertiary filter above the floor of the pit, the tertiary filter receiving water from the secondary filter, the baffle being located between the primary filter and the floor of the pit, whereby progressively smaller particles are filtered from the water and drains from the pit through the outlet with the tertiary filter, which tertiary filter is supported in spaced relation above the floor of the pit to dry out when water flow through the pit ceases.

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Claim 13 (New) The filter pit of claim 11 wherein the peripheral wall is stepped.

Claim 14 (New) The filter pit of claim 3 wherein the primary filter rests above and has a filtering zone spaced from the secondary filter.

Claim 15 (New) The filter pit of claim 12 wherein the secondary filter is positioned below the baffle, wherein the primary filter removably rests in the pit above the baffle with the carrier resting on the baffle and the carrier suspending the tertiary filter from the lower portion thereof.

Claim 16 (New) The filter pit of claim 15 wherein the tertiary filter is bag filter.